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VOLUNTEER TRAINING TO BE HELD IN HELENA

MISSOULA—

The Montana Campus Compact will hold its sixth annual Building Engaged Citizens training in **Helena** Sept. 22-24.

The organization, based at The University of Montana in Missoula, will provide leadership training for more than 100 incoming AmeriCorps and VISTA volunteers and for students throughout the state who participate in its Raise Your Voice program.

The training will be held at UM's Helena College of Technology.

MTCC programs benefit community members such as low-income families, the elderly, at-risk youth, and migrant and minority groups by supporting community and service-learning activities and building campus-community partnerships.

The focus of the organization's Helena training is on volunteer recruitment, group facilitation, working with youth, project management and diversity education.

Participants also will learn how to foster an ethic of civic responsibility, encourage collaborative partnerships between Montana's campuses and communities, and build capacity for college student governments.

"Our trainers will help attendees become more engaged citizens and give them the tools

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necessary to become leaders in their communities,” said Dean McGovern, MTCC executive director.

The organization’s primary purpose is to prepare the next generation of informed, active, committed citizen leaders for Montana.

For more information about the training, call McGovern at 406-243-5177 or e-mail him at mcgovern@mtcompact.org.

Information about Montana Campus Compact is online at <http://www.mtcompact.org>.

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